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REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

1. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Choi et al (USP 6,483,500).
2. Claims 12-15, 19, 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Narayanaswami (USP 6,556,222).
3. Claims 2, 6, 7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Choi combined with Narayanaswami.

Summary of the Response

Claims 1-11, 13-14, 16, 18 and 23 are cancelled with this paper.

Claims 21 and 22 have not been amended.

Claims 12, 15, 17, 19-20 are currently amended with this paper.

Claims 24-40 are new.

Detailed Remarks

While Applicant concedes that Choi and Narayanaswami both teach use of bezel features for electronic devices, Applicant submits that the claims as amended makes the rejections in the Office Action moot. Furthermore, Applicant believes that the bezels taught in the cited references are of a different kind than what is claimed in this application.

Claim 12 claims a bezel feature that acts as a cover or lid for a display assembly. The bezel feature at least partially circumvents the display assembly and is rotatable. Rotation of the bezel feature is detected and processed as input. Furthermore, claim 12 recites that the "bezel feature is moveably coupled to the housing to move between an open position and a closed position, wherein in the closed position, at least a surface of the bezel feature covers at least a portion of the display assembly, and wherein in the open position, at least the surface of the bezel feature is positioned to be at least partially upright to provide access to the screen of the display assembly."

A bezel feature that acts as both an input device and a cover for a display assembly is not disclosed in the cited references, particularly one that can be extended into an upright or partially upright position. FIG. 4 illustrates an example of an embodiment such as claimed in claim 12.

With regard to claim 29, there are several distinguishing features. Among them, a bezel extends from two slots of the housing. The traditional bezel, such as the jog dial recited in the Kato reference, is small and extends from one portion of the housing, through one slit. As recited herein, the bezel feature can extend out of two opposite sides of the electronic device. FIG. 6 provides an example of such an embodiment,

Claim 37 claims a virtual bezel feature provided by a processor through a contact-sensitive display. Such a feature is absent from the cited references.

For reasons stated above, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or comments that the Examiner wishes to direct to Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at (408) 551-6632. The Patent Office is authorized to charge all unpaid fees to the deposit account 50-1914.

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